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KINGSCLERE AND WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health:
Dr. A. A. COCKAYNE, D.S.C., B.A. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor:
REGINALD A. OVER, M.S.I.A., A.R.S.I., Cert.S.I.B. (Lond.).

Sanitary Inspectors:
T. H. JACKSON, M.S.I.A. A. L. WESLEY, M.S.I.A.

Housing Inspector:
C. BRINDLEY.

Rodent Officer:
H. HOPKINS.

Clerical Staff:
P. NORTH. Mrs. C. BOWDEN. A. C. TILLEN.

Works General Foreman:
C. LEWIS.

KINGSCLERE AND WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1947.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	77,394
Population estimated mid 1947	16,290
Number of inhabited houses	4,876
Rateable value, 1st April, 1947	£95,875
Product of a penny rate, year 1947/48	£415 1s. 2d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

In common with most areas we need many more new houses both to accommodate extra families and to replace houses no longer up to standard. As a largely agricultural area we are particularly in need of farm cottages.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	1947 Male.	1947 Female.	1947 Total.	1939 Male.	1939 Female.	1939 Total.
Live Births.						
Legitimate	152	178		95	99	
Illegitimate	8	8		4	3	
	160	186	346	99	102	201
Still Births.						
Legitimate	4	2		2	1	
Illegitimate	4	2		0	0	
	8	4	12	2	1	3
Birth rate per 1000 population			21.7			13.21
Deaths.						
All causes	95	100	195			163
Death rate per 1000 population			11.9			10.31
Infants under 1 year	6	7	13			6

Causes of Death.

Diarrhoea	1.	Birth injuries	5
Premature births	4	Bronchitis and Pneumonia	3

Causes of Death.	Male.		Female.
Phthisis	3	....	1
Other Tuberculosis	1	....	—
Syphilis	1	....	—
Influenza	1	....	4
Cancer of Stomach	4	....	2
Cancer of Breast	—	....	1
Cancer elsewhere	7	....	5
Intracranial visicular lesions	15	....	15
Heart Disease	32	....	34
Other Circillatory Disease	4	....	2
Bronchitis	2	....	4
Pneumonia	2	....	3
Other Respiratory	2	....	1
Ulcer of Stomach	3	....	—
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	....	—
Other digestive	2	....	4
Nephritis	2	....	4
Other maternal causes	—	....	2
Premature birth	2	....	2
Birth injuries	2	....	3
Suicide	1	....	1
Road Accident	1	....	1
Other Violence	3	....	2
Other causes	4	....	9
	95	Total 195	100

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Number of children under 5 immunised in 1947 was 1,240.
Number of children under 14 immunised in 1947 was 2,370.

Appended is the Report of your Chief Sanitary Inspector together with a tabulated Statement of Inspections made under Article 19 (12) of the Sanitary Officers Order, 1922.

(signed) A. A. COCKAYNE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,
Swan Street, Kingsclere,
Nr. Newbury, Berks.

October, 1948.

KINGSCLERE AND WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,
Kingsclere,
Nr. Newbury.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1947.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my annual report of the Sanitary and other work carried out by your Sanitary Inspectors during the year ending December, 1947.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Visits made in connection with infectious diseases	13
Disinfections carried out	14
Inspections of Butchers' Shops and other food premises	145
Inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies	61
Visits re Water Supplies and Water Samples taken	52
Inspections of Bakehouses	6
Visits re Nuisances	138
Inspections re Refuse and Salvage complaints	38
Visits to Refuse Tips	20
Factory inspections	4
Housing Inspections (Rural Housing Survey—Hobhouse Report)	33
Milk Samples taken	11
Survey of Council Houses	265
Inspection of Council Houses in connection with Repairs....	767
Inspections made in connection with Building Licensing	476
Visits re Dangerous Buildings	4
Inspections of Catering Establishments	8
Inspections of New Buildings and Testing of Drains	273
Visits to Building Sites and Works of Construction (New Council Houses)	193

Inspections in connection with the Petroleum Acts	15
Inspections—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—Ice Cream Regulations	10
Complaints investigated	77
Houses inspected under the Public Health Act, 1936	40
Interviews with Owners	20
Revisits to property under notice	120
Inspections and visits re new Water Connections	10
Visits to Water Pumping Stations	33
Inspections of Sewage Works	28
Inspections under the Rats and Mice Acts	818
Revisits under the Rats and Mice Acts	2,527
Number of Inspections made to Camps occupied by Squatters	92
Total number of Inspections and Visits made	**6,411**

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Acute Lobar Pneumonia	—	2	2
Acute Primary Pneumonia	1	6	7
Acute Influenza Pneumonia	1	—	1
Measles	18	19	37
Whooping Cough	4	7	11
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	—	2
Tuberculosis	5	5	10
Pneumonia	5	2	7
Paratyphoid	1	—	1
Scarlet Fever	1	2	3
Diphtheria	—	1	1
Erysipelas	2	—	2
Phthisis	—	1	1
Dysentery	1	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	2	2
Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	—	1
	43	47	90

Total number of Notifications received	90
Number of disinfections carried out	14

SUMMARY OF DISINFECTIONS CARRIED OUT.

Diphtheria	2	Scarlet Fever	2
Chicken Pox	1	Infantile Paralysis (suspected)	3
Venereal Disease	1	Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Tuberculosis	4		

NUMBER OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES REMOVED TO ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

Salisbury Isolation Hospital	Scarlet Fever	3
Basingstoke Isolation Hospital	Diphtheria	2
	Scarlet Fever	1
Total number removed to Isolation Hospitals	....	6

HOUSING.

Rural Housing Survey.

Number of Housing Inspections (Rural Housing Survey —Hobhouse Report) made	33
Total number of Inspections made to 31st December, 1947	1915

Summary of Inspections Carried Out.

Parish.	Number of Houses Surveyed.
Baughurst	3
East Woodhay	3
Highclere	1
Kingsclere	13
Laverstoke	1
Overton	5
Tadley	1
Whitchurch	6

The number of houses categorised in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular Letter 64/44 is given herewith.

Category	Condition of Dwelling.	Normal Action.	No. of Houses
1	Satisfactory in all respects.	No action.	152
2	Minor Defects.	Informal action or Public Health Acts.	419
3	Requiring repair, structural alterations or improvements.	Section 9 or Section 11 Housing Act, 1936. Acquisition by Local Authority in appropriate cases.	654
4	Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.	Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, Sec. 11 Housing Act, 1936, Acquisition by Local Authority in appropriate cases.	248
5	Unfit for habitation and beyond repairs at reasonable expense.	Section 11 (Individual Houses) Section 25 (Clearance Areas) Housing Act, 1936.	442

Details of Houses Inspected in Parish and Category Order.

Parish.	Categories					Total No. of Inspections.
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	
Ashmansworth	6	4	18	11	15	54
Baughurst	—	1	25	7	8	41
Burghclere	46	38	49	64	25	222
East Woodhay	7	5	50	14	37	113
Ecchinswell & Sydmonton	4	12	23	28	6	73
Highclere	—	19	26	10	17	72
Hurstbourne Priors	—	2	—	—	—	2
Kingsclere	11	58	69	18	51	207
Laverstoke	1	—	—	—	—	1
Litchfield & Woodcott	—	4	21	18	18	61
Newtown	11	12	18	8	6	55
Overton	26	107	136	6	101	376
St. Mary Bourne	19	65	61	33	41	219
Tadley	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whitchurch	21	92	158	31	117	419

Routine Housing Inspections carried out under the Housing and Public Health Acts of 1936.

Number of Routine Inspections (Housing Act, 1936)	10
Number of Houses Inspected under the Public Health Act, 1936	40
Number of Informal Notices Served	44
Number of Statutory Notices (Housing Act, 1936)	—
Number of Statutory Notices (Public Health Act, 1936)	29
Number of visits after service of notice	120
Number of demolition orders served	6
Total number of Housing Inspections for all purposes (including Houses inspected—Hobhouse Survey)	203

Total number of Council Houses and Requisitioned Properties in each Parish at 31st December, 1947.

Parish.	Council Houses	Requisitioned Properties
Ashmansworth	—	—
Baughurst	6	1
Burghclere	34	1
East Woodhay	13	7
Ecchinswell & Sydmonton....	6	79
Highclere	18	2
Hurstbourne Priors	—	—
Kingsclere	74	8
Laverstoke	—	—
Litchfield & Woodcott	—	—
Newtown	—	—
Overton	114	—
St. Mary Bourne	25	4
Tadley	20	37
Whitchurch	65	1
Total	375	140

The following houses were erected in 1947 for the Council:—

Traditional Houses.

Burghclere	....	6
Overton	....	2
St. Mary Bourne	(Swedish Timber)	2
Tadley	.... (Swedish Timber)	3
Highclere	....	6
Whitchurch	....	6

Non-Traditional Houses.

Foxdown Housing Estate: (conversions)	 41
Bishops Green Hutments (conversions)	45

Foxdown Housing Estate.

This estate consists of a large number of very well built cedar-wood buildings formerly occupied by the staff of the Bank of England. These buildings are being converted into 41 self-contained flats with four, three, two and one bedrooms.

The flats are centrally heated and provided with electricity. They are connected to the Council's main water supply and main drainage.

An estimated cost for these conversions was £23,000.

Bishops Green Hutment Conversions.

The forty-five Nissen Huts at Bishops Green converted into dwelling accommodation during the year has provided each family unit with the following accommodation and facilities:—

2 Bedrooms. 1 combined kitchen/living room.
1 small scullery. 1 properly ventilated food store.
1 W.C. Apartment.

All the converted huts are provided with main drainage and public water supply, and provision is being made for each hut to be supplied with electricity and independent storage accommodation during the coming year.

The cost of each conversion was approximately £200.

Total family units provided by the Council 111

Private Building.

Number of new houses provided by Private Enterprise	....	15
Number of conversions provided by Private Enterprise	....	14
Total family units provided by Private Enterprise	....	29

Total Family Units provided in District in 1947 ... 140

During the year a complete survey of 265 Council Houses was made, whilst 767 visits were made to Council Houses in connection with maintenance and repairs.

92 inspections were made to camps occupied by Squatters.

Building Licences.

476 Inspections were made in connection with Building Licensing and 525 Building Licences were issued with a Total Value of £69,597.

Moveable Dwellings (Public Health Act, 1936).

Two applications were received for permission to set up and use moveable dwellings. After inspection of the sites permission was given in each case.

Plans Submitted for Approval.

Number of Plans submitted	....	....	....	....	....	97
Number of Plans approved	....	....	....	....	....	95
Number of Plans disapproved	....	....	....	....	....	2

FOOD SUPPLY.

Milk.

There are 220 Cowkeepers, Producers and Wholesale Traders on the Register, situated as follows:—

Ashmansworth	5	Kingsclere	59
Baughurst	20	Litchfield and Woodcott	3
Burghclere	15	Newtown	5
East Woodhay	12	Overton	21
Ecchinswell and Sydmonton	10	St. Mary Bourne	25
Highclere	9	Tadley	13
Hurstbourne Priors	6	Whitchurch	17

This includes 13 New Registrations made during the year.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936—41.

Licences granted by County Council as from 31st January, 1947.

"ACCREDITED" LICENCES	18
"TUBERCULIN" TESTED Licences	34

Licences granted by Council as from 1st January, 1947.

Dealers' Supplementary Licence (Bottling)	1

Approximate Number of cows in the District	3,600
Number of Cowsheds and Dairies inspected	61
Number of Dairies in District	29
Number of Milk Samples taken	11

Seven samples showed Bacilli Coli infection, and the respective cowkeepers were advised to take the necessary precautions to avoid infection. The remaining samples were found to be satisfactory.

The condition of Cowsheds and methods of milk production in the District during the year have been generally satisfactory.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment Regulations) 1947.

Seventeen premises in the District were registered for the sale and/or manufacture of Ice Cream, situated as follows:—

East Woodhay	....	2	St. Mary Bourne	....	1
Kingsclere	....	3	Tadley	....	1
Overton	....	4	Whitchurch	....	6

Meat and Food.

Food Premises within the District.

Parish	Butchers' Shops	Bake Houses	Fried Fish Shops	Preserved Food Shops
Ashmansworth	—	—	—	—
Baughurst	—	1	—	—
Burghclere	—	1	—	—
East Woodhay	—	2	—	1
Ecchinswell and Sydmonton	—	1	—	—
Highclere	—	—	—	—
Hurstbourne Priors	—	—	—	—
Kingsclere	2	4	—	—
Litchfield and Woodcott	—	—	—	—
Newtown	—	—	—	—
Overton	4	1	1	3
St. Mary Bourne	1	2	—	1
Tadley	1	1	1	2
Whitchurch	6	3	3	6
Totals	15	16	5	13

Number of inspections to Butchers' and other Food Shops, 145.

Number of Carcases Inspected.

Bovines	....	....		121
Sheep	....	....	....	30
Pigs	....	....	....	3
			Total	154

Diseased or Unsound Meat Condemned

Bovines.

2 complete carcases	Tuberculosis	1 Clod and sticking	Tuberculosis
1 Liver	Tuberculosis	9 Heads and Tongues	Tuberculosis
6 sets Messenteric fats	Tuberculosis	13 sets of Lungs	Tuberculosis
32 Livers	Flukes	3 Lungs	Flukes
2 udders	Mastitis	6 Livers	Distomiasis
1 Short Fore	Tuberculosis	4 sets Offal	Tuberculosis

Sheep.

1 Carcase (Australian)	....	Extensive moulds	157lbs.

Pig.

1 Carcase and Offal	....	Tuberculosis	224lbs.

Rabbits.

5 Rabbits	....	....	Decomposition	12lbs.

Imported Meat.

Frozen Beef	....	....	Decomposition	....	125lbs.
Bacon	....	....	....	Bone Taint	25lbs.
Veal	....	....	....	Decomposition	2lbs.
Ham	....	....	....	Decomposition	12lbs.

Tinned and other Foods.

Suet	7lbs.	Butter	9lbs.
Potatoes	187lbs.	Tea	2lbs.
Margarine	15½lbs.	Cheese	22lbs.
Condensed Milk	84½lbs.	Preserves and Fruit....	4387lbs.
Tinned Meats	17lbs.	Tinned Vegetables	3lbs.
Peas	109lbs.	Chestnuts	24lbs.
Tinned Foods various	36lbs.	Tinned Fish	14lbs.
Dried Milk	6¾lbs.	Macaroni	2lbs.
Custard Powder	¾lbs.	Tomatoes	¾lbs.
Bacon, tinned	¾lbs.	Patent Foods	¾lbs.
Fish	983lbs.	Eggs	4½lbs.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF ALL FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED IN 1947: 3 tons 12 cwts. 2 qrs. 24¾ lbs.

Bake Houses.

Six inspections of bake houses were made during the year and they were in each case found to be satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Private Water Supplies.

Thirty-six visits to private water supplies were made and samples of water taken and submitted for Bacteriological examination, with the following results:—

Parish.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Ashmansworth	—	—
Baughurst	4	4
Burghclere	2	2
East Woodhay	3	2
Ecchinswell & Sydmonton....	2	—
Highclere	1	3
Hurstbourne Priors	—	—
Kingsclere	—	3
Litchfield & Woodcott	—	—
Laverstoke	2	1
Newtown	—	—
Overton	2	—
St. Mary Bourne	2	—
Tadley	3	—
Whitchurch	—	—

Public Water Supplies.

The Council own five water undertakings and provide water to the Parishes of Ashmansworth, Kingsclere, Laverstoke, Overton and Whitchurch and part Parish of Ecchinswell. Main water is supplied to 2,415 properties, the remaining 2,461 properties having their own private supply, i.e., well, borehole, etc.

Ashmansworth Water Supply.

The water is obtained from a 10in. borehole 320 feet deep and lined to a depth of 190 feet below ground level. The water is pumped at the rate of 1,000 gallons per hour by two Sumo Submersible Pumps (Coupled) driven by electrical power to an elevated cast iron section plate reservoir of 20,000 gallons capacity.

Result of Samples Bacteriological Examination.

Date of Collection: 27-6-47.

	per 100 ml.
Probable No. of coliform bacilli MacConkey 2 days 37C	NIL
,, ,, Faecal Coli	NIL

Remarks. Date of Report: 30-6-47

Very Satisfactory.

(signed) R. D. MacKenzie.

Number of Premises served: 48.

Size of Mains: 2½in.

Kingsclere Water Supply (Hannington Pumping Station).

The supply is obtained from a 300 feet deep 12in. diameter lined borehole. The Pumps, which are of the Climax deep well rod pump type, are driven by a 5-h.p. Lister Oil Engine, lift approximately 250 gallons per hour. This is much below the true capacity of the pumps owing to the pumping gear being badly worn and it is recommended that consideration should be given to the replacement of this plant by Sumo Submersible Electric Pumps capable of 800 gallons per hour delivery.

The water is then pumped to an elevated steel plate (riveted) reservoir of 10,000 gallons capacity.

Result of Samples Bacteriological Examination.

Date of Collection: 10-6-47.

	per 100 ml.
Probable No. of coliform bacilli MacConkey 2 days 37C	NIL
,, ,, Faecal Coli	NIL

Remarks. Date of Report: 16-6-47

Very Satisfactory.

(signed) R. D. MacKenzie.

Size of Mains: 3in.

Kingsclere Water Supply (Kingsclere Pumping Station).

This supply is obtained from a 70 feet deep 14in. bore lined to 48 feet below ground level. The water is pumped out at the rate of 3,000 gallons per hour by means of a Pulsometer pump driven by a 5-h.p. Electric 3-phase A.C. Motor.

There is also a stand-by Pulsometer pump driven by a 6-h.p. Crossley Oil Engine.

The water is pumped direct through a 6in. rising main to a 50,000 gallon covered reservoir, constructed on 15in. reinforced concrete.

Result of Samples Bacteriological Examination.

Date of Collection: 3-9-47.

	per 100 ml.
Probable No. of coliform bacilli MacConkey 2 days 37C	NIL
,, ,, Faecal Coli	NIL

Remarks. Date of Report: 8-9-47.

Very Satisfactory.

(signed) R. D. MacKenzie.

Number of Premises Supplied:—

(a) Kingsclere .... 387. (b) Ecchinswell .... 156.

Size of Main: 4in. and 3in.

Overton Water Supply.

The water is obtained from two boreholes each 90 feet with a diameter of 12ins.

The bores are lined to a depth of 60 feet below ground level.

The supply is directly pumped into the mains by means of two Pulsometer pumps each driven by 12-h.p. Cryptic Electrical Motor and boosted by a Brunston Automatic Booster.

Each pump is capable of raising 6,000 gallons per hour.

Result of Samples Bacteriological Examination.

Date of Collection: 5-6-47.

	per 100 ml.
Probable No. of coliform bacilli MacConkey 2 days 37C	NIL
,, ,, Faecal Coli	NIL

Remarks. Date of Report: 11-6-47.

Very Satisfactory.

(signed) V. A. Spool.

Number of Premises Served: 446.
Size of Mains: 6in., 4in. and 3in.

Whitchurch Water Supply.

This supply is obtained from two boreholes. No. 1 Borehole is a 10in. bore 350 feet deep and lined to a depth of 120 feet below ground level.

The water is pumped by a 15-h.p. Sumo Submersible pump driven by electricity and capable of raising 10,000 gallons per hour.

No. 2 borehole is 240 feet deep lined to a depth of 140 feet and 14in. in diameter.

The water is pumped by Tangye 30-h.p. Six-Stage Turbine water pump driven by electricity, and is capable of raising 10,000 gallons per hour.

This pump does not give its maximum output owing to its age; it was installed in 1928, and consideration should be given to replacing this pump by a Sumo Submersible pump, capable of pumping 15,000 gallons per hour, in order to meet the ever increasing demand of water supply for Whitchurch.

The water is pumped to an elevated reservoir immediately overhead. The reservoir is constructed of reinforced concrete 18ins. thick and has a capacity of 180,000 gallons.

Result of Samples Bacteriological Examination.

Date of Collection: 4-6-47.

	per 100 ml.
Probable No. of coliform bacilli MacConkey 2 days 37C ...:	NIL
,, ,, Faecal Coli	NIL

Remarks. Date of Report: 9-6-47.

Satisfactory.

(signed) R. D. MacKenzie.

No. of premises served: 660.

Size of mains: 6in., 4in. and 3in.

Public Water Supply—Burghclere.

The Public Water Supply at Burghclere is supplied by the Newbury Corporation, and a copy of a Bacteriological Report is herewith given.

Bacteriological Examination.

Date of Collection: 6-6-47.

	per 100 ml.
Probable No. of coliform bacilli MacConkey 2 days 37C	NIL
,, ,, Faecal Coli	NIL

Remarks. Date of Report: 11-6-47.

Very Satisfactory.

(signed) R. D. MacKenzie.

Public Water Supply—Tadley.

The Public Supply at Tadley is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Co., and a copy of a Bacteriological Report is herewith given.

Bacteriological Examination.

Date of Collection: 4-6-47.

		per 100 ml.
Probable No. of coliform bacilli	MacConkey 2 days 37C	NIL
,, ,,	Faecal Coli	NIL

Remarks. Date of Report: 9-6-47.

Satisfactory.

(signed) V. A. Spool.

Public Water Supply, Bishops Green Converted Hutments.

The above hutments in the Parish of Ecchinswell and Sydmonton are provided with water from the Newbury Corporation Mains, and this will afford a supply to 81 families when the conversions are completed.

A report on the examination of a sample of this water is already provided under the report on Burghclere Water Supply.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

It was found necessary to carry out disinfestations at four premises during the year.

NUISANCES.

It has been necessary to deal with 139 complaints of nuisance.

The nuisances dealt with included:—

Offensive accumulations. Blocked drains. Dirty pigstys.

REFUSE AND SALVAGE.

Thirty-eight visits have been made in connection with refuse and salvage work, and twenty inspections of refuse tips were made.

Employees in this Department are:—

S.D. Freighter Drivers	2	Refuse Loaders	2
Tipmen	3	Lorry Drivers	1
Loader Salvage	1	Salvage Balers	2

During the year approximately 3,500 tons of refuse was collected and deposited at the Council's tips.

49-tons 1-cwt. 2-qrs. of salvaged materials were collected and sold, the amount of £121 6s. 4d. being received for this work

SEWAGE.

Sewage Works are situated in the Parishes of Ecchinswell and Sydmonton, Kingsclere, Laverstoke, Overton and Whitchurch.

In the Parishes of Laverstoke, Overton and Whitchurch the sewage is raised by pumps to settling tanks and filter beds. In the Parishes of Ecchinswell and Sydmonton and Kingsclere the sewage reaches the disposal works by gravitation and passes through settling tanks and filter and thence by land irrigation.

Number of premises connected to the Sewer:—

Kingsclere	146	Ecchinswell and Sydmonton (Bishops Green)	66
Laverstoke	75		
Overton	360		
Whitchurch	342		

In the remainder of the District Sewage is dealt with by:—

(a) Septic Tank or Cesspool.

(b) Earth Closets.

Parish.	Earth Closets	Septic Tank & Cesspools
Ashmansworth	51	26
Baughurst	202	45
Burghclere	201	97
East Woodhay	384	124
Ecchinswell & Sydmonton....	147	21
Highclere	94	66
Hurstbourne Priors	121	6
Kingsclere	490	136
Laverstoke	52	—
Litchfield & Woodcott	44	14
Newtown	48	25
Overton	226	76
St. Mary Bourne	162	187
Tadley	381	90
Whitchurch	326	36

PETROLEUM STORES.

Licences and Permits Issued in 1947.

Renewals of Licences to store petroleum spirit 50

Number of new applications 14

Total amount of Petrol stored under licence in District: 60,320 gallons.

Licences to store Calcium Carbide 1

Total amount stored: 1,000 lbs.

GAME LICENCES.

Issued for the Year ending December 31st, 1947.

Licences to deal in Game 10

RODENT CONTROL.

Visits in search of rat infestations were made to 818 properties, and work of destruction was carried out on 421 properties.

As a result, 751 rats were collected, and an estimated kill was between five and seven thousand.

CONCLUSION.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to the Council for the consideration and support given to me during the year, also to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. A. A. Cockayne, and the Clerk, Mr. F. A. H. Keates and his Staff for their interest and valuable advice in connection with my varied duties.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

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